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Installation to hold Grand Illumination ceremony

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The holiday season officially kicks off here with the Grand Illumination ceremony, scheduled for 5:30 p.m., December 1, at the Joint Services Park, located on the corner of Constitution and North Dakota avenues.

Join us for Christmas carols and the announcement of the winner of the Cards to the Community contest. Beverages and snacks will be provided by the USO of Missouri.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 573.596.0131 ext. 66913.

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Media wishing to attend this event should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145.

About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains about 80,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting a colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.
